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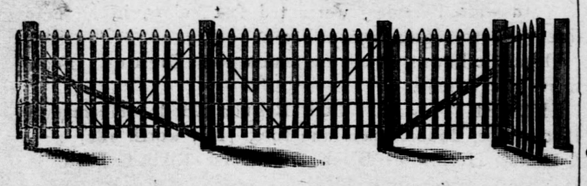

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Eben Hadley's .....Auction

TIM BRADLEY'S going to have an auction Friday."

"Shall you go?" asked the schoolteacher.

Mr. Jepson looked at his wife and chuckled.

"Well," he said, "If mother wants to go I'll take her."

"You know very well that I'll not go a step," replied Mrs. Jepson, sharply.

Her husband laughed aloud.

"You can laugh if you want to, David Jepson! But I said ten years ago, when we bought that chest of drawers at Eben Hadley's sale, that I'd never go to another while I lived, and I never will."

"Come ma," said Mr. Jepson, a little quizzically, "tell the teacher about that bureau. He wants to hear about it—don't you, Mr. Hooper?

"Of course I do."

"Well, it was like this," said Mrs. Jepson, laughing a little. "I always admired that chest of drawers when it belonged to Sally Hadley, and when the Hadley's gave out that they were going to sell off everything and move out to California, I made up my mind that I'd have that bureau. The sale began at ten o'clock, and there was so much to sell that the bureau wasn't put up until after the big free dinner the Hadley's had got up.

"The bureau was put up right after dinner. I thought it would go for something between twenty-five and thirty dollars, and I had forty dollars of my butter and eggs money in my pocket.

"Somebody started the bureau at five dollars, and the auctioneer made all sorts of fun of the offer; and he just pooh-poohed when some one else raised the bid to ten dollars.

"Who'll say fifteen, just as a mere starter? says he, and I nodded my head.

"Now who'll make it twenty? says he. Do I hear a twenty from any one? Who says twenty-one?

"He looked at me and I nodded, and then he looked over to the other side of the yard, where most of the men were standing, and he says:

"Twenty-one, twenty-one, twenty-one I have; do I hear a twenty-two? Gentleman and ladies, this bureau is dirt cheap at fifty dollars. Do I hear a twenty-two from any one? Ah, I have it. Twenty-two, twenty-two, who says twenty-three?

"He nodded to me and I nodded yes, and then he turned to whoever it was bidding against me and got twenty-four, and as soon as I nodded that I'd give twenty-five the other bidder raised it to twenty-six. That made me angry, and I nodded twenty-seven, and then the auctioneer says:

"Now who'll say thirty at a single jump? Thirty, thirty, thirty, and thirty I have!

"That raised my dander higher than ever, and I was bound I'd have that bureau. I looked round, and was glad pa wasn't near to make me stop bidding, and when the auctioneer says, 'Who'll make it thirty-five? I nodded with my teeth shut tight together, and those that stood near said I paled when the otherbidder raised my bid to forty dollars, but I didn't give up.

"I knew I'd have to enroach on the money I'd laid by for a new black silk, and I did want the black silk very much, but I nodded 'yes' when the auctioneer asked for forty-five dollars.

"'I'm glad that somebody in this crowd appreciates the real value of a thing,' says he. 'Somebody knows that this bureau is a bargain at fifty dollars, and fifty dollars I must have for it. Ah, fifty I have; who says fifty-five?"

"Now the bureau wasn't worth any fifty dollars, the way second-hand furniture sells, but I was bound that I wouldn't be beaten. I shut my teeth harder than ever, and nodded fifty-five.

"Well, if you'll believe me, we run that bureau up to ninety-nine dollars! and I said to myself, 'I'll make it an even hundred, and then I'll stop. The other bidder seemed to have come to the same conclusion, for when I'd nodded that I'd give a hundred dollars my bid wasn't raised.

"'One hundred dollars,' said the auctioneer, 'and sold to this lady over here!'

"I felt so weak I could hardly walk, but I went up and paid what money I had with me. Then I started to hunt up pa, to tell him what I'd done and have him take me home. I felt so bad. I saw him standing out by our wagon, and when I got near I saw that he was angry enough, and I didn't blame him a bit. I ain't any humbler-spirited than most women, but says I, meek enough:

"'I'm sorry I did it, pa, but I just couldn't give up to that other bidder.'

"'That other bidder!' says pa, madder than a hornet. 'Do you know, Elizy Jepson, who that other bidder was?'

"'Why, no; how should I?'

"'I can tell you who it was. It was me! And the next time you intend to bid for a thing you better let me know beforehand.'

"Well, I was mortified enough! To think of our pitting against each other like that, and running that bureau up to a hundred dollars, when we might have had it for twenty-five! It put me out so that I said then and there that I'd never go to another auction, and I never will."—*Youth's Companion.*

TOO MUCH LEARNING.

The prinicipals of the primary and grammar schools in New York city have protested to the Board of Education against the present elaborate system of studies, asserting that "under the burden of attempting the impossible positive injury is done to both pupils and teachers." There is no doubt that an examination of the list of prescribed studies in the public schools of all of our large cities would show that the system is virtually the same everywhere. The evil has been growing for years, and although efforts have been made to lessen it, no adequate improvement is yet visible.

The point, it will be noticed, which has been made by the teachers in question is not that the children are overworked, but that they are given too many branches to study in a limited time. It is not a very common thing for a child to devote so much time to its books that it injures itself; it is the dissipation of energy, the attempt to know a little something about everything, the flitting from one subject to the other and giving so little time to each which makes the outcome so unsatisfactory to parents, teachers and pupils.

Nowadays educational institutions have a weakness for posing for something other than they are. Academies and small colleges have studies which rightly belong to the colleges and are studied superficially. Post graduate work and lectures which cover almost every department of knowledge help fill the catalogue and give it an imposing appearance, but they really do not give the student even a smattering of the various subjects. All this is bad enough, but when it reaches to the primary schools it is time to call a halt on such a dangerous craze.

The true function of the primary schools is to give every child a thorough grounding in those rudiments of knowledge, acquaintance with which will make him or her an intelligent and a useful citizen. It is a fact that the majority of children cannot obtain more than a common school training. The fierce struggle for existence and many other of the conditions of modern life prevent them from enlarging their sphere of knowledge, and when they do start out to learn they should be taught thoroughly. If they learn to read, write and spell, if they gain a practical knowledge of arithmetic and an intelligent understanding of greography they will start out in life well equipped, and the very knowledge which they have gained will lead to a desire on their part to further explore the field of learning.

A few branches thoroughly mastered are a better foundation for the work of later life than a smattering of many, and it does not avail to his benefit if a boy knows a little astronomy, a bit of chemistry, something about botany, physiology, musical science and a hundred other things all jumbled together, if he is uncertain in his spelling, doubtful as to his grammar and incorrect in his arithmetic. It has been found that even some boys in colleges, who are deep in Greek and psychology, cannot write a correct English sentence or solve a simple arithmetical problem. And if this is a condition of things to be regreted, much more is it when it invades our common schools. Let us teach children to think instead of training them to acquire facts; stop stuffing them with an indefinite number of things and see that they do a few really needful things well and thoroughly. —*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Cutting Acquaintances.

There are some acquaintances we would be glad to cut. They do us no credit and draw too largely upon our kindness and our cash. Other acquaintances there are that drain our life's blood and sap our vitality. Dyspepsia and its accompanying evils, impure blood, mental depression, night-mares, fear and nervousness are acquaintances to be disposed of with all celerity. Heed this, ye sufferers! Take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and your unpleasant acquaintances will soon be gone, for this sovereign remedy drives out all the impurities from the system. Send for free pamphlet. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

She—Jack, dear, please run up and get my goats; they're on the table.

He—Your what, Ermyntrude?

She—They're too old to be called kids any longer. (Sotto voice.) If that doesn't make him get me some new ones, I don't know what will.

Agent—Can't I put a burglar alarm in your house?

Lady—No, we don't need it.

Agent—But——

Lady—No, I mean it; the family across the street watches the place so closely that even a burglar couldn't get in without being seen.

Miss R——was telling her Sunday school class of small boys about the shut-in society, whose members are persons confined with illness to their beds or rooms. "Whom can we think of," said she, "that would have had great sympathy for these that are so shut in?"

"I know," said a little boy; "some one in the Bible, ain't it teacher?"

"Yes, and who, Johnnie?"

"Jonah," was the spirited answer.

"Talk of man," roared the female emancipator. "What has man ever done for woman?" "Furnished a model for her to imitate," said a voice in the rear of the hall, and then an awful quiet reigned.

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Our Woman's .....Column

THE policeman at one of the most crowded crossings in the shopping district is evidently an observer of human nature. In a moment of expansiveness the other day, and in response to a comprehending glance from a spectator of his efforts to control two erratic women, he unburdened his mind: 'There's all sorts of wimmin in the world, just as there's all sorts of men, and I get samples of 'em all here, too. You saw them two just now; lost their heads completely, ran back and forth in front of that car exactly like a scared chicken. I expect every day to see one of this sort killed, in spite of me and all the rest who are trying to prevent it. They won't let you look after them, they take things into their own hands; they hang back when you wave 'em across, and when you've beckoned the car or truck to go on, they start to run in front of it. But they're not all feather-witted, and I know one of the cool heads as soon as I see her. She keeps her eyes on me, and lets me do the managing for her, and she responds to my nod as quick as a wink and looks out for her self, too while she is doing it. I'm thinkin' her sort must be the new woman folks talk about."

"But the policeman was wrong; the quick-witted, alert, yet composed woman is neither 'new' nor 'old'—she is the woman, or man, either, for that matter, who like the ship in Mr. Kipling story, has 'found herself."

HOUSEHOLD AND TOILET.

A grandmotherly reticule attached to the housekeeper's belt is to her what the pigeonholes in a man's desk are to him. In it she may drop the letters that are at her breakfast plate, her keys, the clipping from the morning paper, the bills that grasping tradesmen insist upon sending in, and the thousand other things which each forenoon brings. Besides its usefulness, the housekeeper's reticule may be made pretty enough to justify its existence on the score of attractiveness alone.

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The time has come for the prudent owner of furs to begin her annual campaign against moths. They should be hung in the sunshine for a few hours and beaten with a light cane. They should be lapped in linen and put away in a box with tissue paper packages of black pepper and camphor.

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Black and white checked silk at twenty-five cents a yard brings a fetching gown within the reach of even the most limited purse.

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The fashon writer who says that silk waists no longer are in the mode, is drawing on her imagination for facts. Never have these useful garments been more in evidence. Never were they so charmingly decorated or made of such beautiful fabrics.

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DRESS AND PERFUME.

Every woman should keep in mind the analogy between the dress and the perfume; they should be harmonious. For instance the only permissible manner for an American woman to perfume her wardrobe is through the use of sachets, light, fluffy dresses suggesting some subtle scent, like that of apple blossoms, heavy materials being susceptible to a more clinging fragrance. Linen suggests lavender and rose.

These sachets are now being made in all sizes and shapes, to be used in veil cases, bonnet boxes, wardrobes, and they are even tucked into their tiny slippers. If your evening bonnet is of roses use rose sachet; if of violet so be the odor violet; if of carnation the latter spicy fragrance is in keeping. Many persons who are authority on the subject maintain that sandalwood is the proper and correct sachet for cloth dresses and furs.

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FOR MOTHERS' EYES.

How can children be taught the use of money? By earning it. The boy who aspires to a college education will waste neither time nor money if he is "paying his way." The girl who has earned her first dollar 'helping mother" will hesitate long before squandering it on useless trifles. Does your child express a wish for some coveted toy? Your hand is on your purse; but stay! Furnish him with employment whereby he can earn the desired amount. "The laborer is worthy of his hire;" why not the child? Reward is a great incentive to labor, and the habit of industry once formed goes hand in hand with thrift.

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Timid mothers who fully realize the dangers of the football field for their sons rarely appreciate the perils of the apparently harmless jumping rope for their daughters. And yet the latter has its victims every year, and though they are not so numerous as those of football it would probably be found, if complete statistics were available, that the mean total reaches a figure sufficiently startling. One of the first deaths of the season from this cause occurred in Brooklyn, N. Y., last week, where a little girl of nine years died from the effects of too prolonged indulgence in rope-skipping. Jumping rope may or may not be good exercise for girls when it is taken in moderation, but it is very easy to overdo it, and whe rapid and protracted it is a severe strain on children whose hearts are weak or who may be otherwise delicate.

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CURE FOR THE BLUES.

Few women can honestly say that they have never had the "blues." One sometimes sees a cheery soul, who will deny all knowledge of "doldrums," but she is usually a woman possessed of remarkable health and full of business interests, or one who literally has no time for moping. Such a woman is proof against any foolishness of the sort.

But foolishness or not, if things go wrong, and if one feels tired and worried and discouraged, one is prone to become despondent and imaginative and out of sorts with the world, and it is then we have to look for that silver lining. Usually a good brisk walk will bring it to our notice. The physical exercise and mental distraction one finds in the open air will sweep away the cobwebs of the brain as nothing else can. As a race, we Americans are not fond of walking. We exercise too little. We worry too much. We take life too hard. We wear ourselves out in the pursuit of rest. A long, vigorous walk every day is the best tonic for mind and body, and an almost invariable panacea for the "blues."

THE PRUDENT VIRGIN.

I hope, Jennie, that you have given the matter serious consideration," said the lady to a servant girl who had "given notice" because she was to be married "that day two weeks."

"Oh! I have ma'am," was the earnest reply. "I've been to two fortune tellers and a clairvoyant, and looked in a sign book, and dreamed on a lock of his hair, and been to one of those astrologers, and to a medium, and they all tell me to go ahead, ma'am. I ain't one to marry reckless like, ma'am."

She Couldn't Wait.

Lady—"I want to sit for a picture."

Artist—"I shall be very glad to paint you, if you will wait a week, until I finish the one I am at work on now."

Lady—"Oh! my. I couldn't wait that long. Why I promised to be home to dinner at five o'clock!"

That's the trouble with some people, they have no time to wait for results. Some women will take a dose or so of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and expect to feel well immediately. True, some do find marvelously speedy effects from a single dose, but chronic diseases, which have had possession of the system for years, cannot be cured in a day. Persevere with it and it will cure you, ladies, of all the ills you suffer from. The "Prescription" cures in all cases of nervousness, spasms chorea, irregularities, painful periods and kindred ailments.

"I'm going to give up being a missionary," announced the young woman who had been giving instructions a month "elevating the masses," as she expressed it. "I am pained and discouraged by the inability of the poor to grasp the necessity for improvement. They are positively frivolous."

"What makes you say that?" inquired the girl who was toasting marshmallows over the lamp.

"My experience with Mrs.—well, with one of my poor women," replied the missionary, "She was run down and I left a dollar for her to buy cod liver oil. When I went the next day to see her the dollar was gone and the oil was not bought. She apologetically said that she was 'real sorry,' but that she had always wanted to go to a manicure's and that she was afraid she'd never have the money to spare again. So she took the dollar and went to the manicure's and spent the rest of the dollar on having her hair curled."

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Washington .....Letter

THE Republican leaders in Congress are men of too much experience in such matters to allow themselves to become the tools of the Democrats and to begin fighting each other, instead of the common enemy. They know that the little hope that Democrats allow themselves to indulge in of ever retaining control in this government again is based entirely upon their ability to stir up dissension among the supporters of the several candidates for the Republican presidential nomination. Notwithstanding the action and talk of a few of the over-zealous friends of some of the Republican candidates, your correspondent has no hesitation whatever in asserting that the contest for nomination will not be allowed either before or during the St. Louis convention to degenerate into a cat and dog fight that will leave sores for the Democrats to throw salt on during the campaign. Each of the candidates has warm supporters among the national leaders of the Republican party, and each of these leaders will use every honorable effort to bring about the nomination of his candidate, as he has a perfect right to do, but there will be no blows below the belt with their sanction, and when the nomination shall have been made every man of them will be found cordially supporting the nominee. In Washington these things are well known because Republicans all know the cordial personal relations which exist between Speaker Reed, Govs. McKinley and Morton, and Senators Allison, Cullom and Quay, and that should anyone of the six be chosen that he would receive no warmer or more heartfelt congratulation than would come from the other five, but they are here written for the especial benefit of those Republicans who sometimes make the mistake of getting their information as to Republican affairs from the Democratic or assistant Democratic press.

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Representative McCall of Mass., has not been impressed with the alleged reform made in the consular service by the Cleveland administration. On the contrary, Mr. McCall thinks our consular service might be improved in many ways which would add to its efficiency, and he has introduced a bill providing for a thorough investigation of the system by a non-partisan commission, which shall report a plan of reorganization to the President in time to be acted upon by the fifty-fifth Congress at its first session. The bill is now in the hands of the committee on Foreign Affairs, and Mr. McCall hopes to get it favorably reported and placed on the calander before the close of the present session, and to get it passed at the next session.

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Speaker Reed's explanation of why he reversed his ruling in the fifty-first Congress, that the presence of a majority of the entire number of members entitled to seats in the House was necessary to constitute a quorum, and last week ruled that a majority of the living members of the House was a legal quorum, is perfectly logical. He was compelled to make his first ruling on short notice and not desiring to take any chances chose that view of the question which could not possibly be upset by the Courts—at the time it will be remembered that the Democrats were threatening to carry every ruling he made into the Courts. Since then he has made a careful study of the matter and become satisfied that a majority of living members are constitutional quorum.

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For the second time since he has been a member of the Senate Senator Quay's committee room has been burglarized. The first time was in 1888, when he was Chairman of the Republican National Committee. There is no doubt that the object of the burglary in both instances was the same, political information, which it was thought could be obtained from Mr. Quay's private papers. The last burglary was no more successful than the first, as about three weeks ago the Senator had all his important private papers removed from his committee room to his house. Mr. Quay's health has not been good of late and his physician has ordered him to Florida to remain there until the weather gets warmer in Washington. He declined to discuss this last burglary before his departure, further than to say that somebody had taken a lot of trouble and the chance for a term in the penitentiary for nothing.

Wife—The family that have moved in next door seem remarkably quiet, I wish I knew how many of them there are.

Husband—Never mind, my dear; it'll all come out in the wash.

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Republican State Convention!

A State Convention of the Republican Party of the State of Delaware will be held at Dover, on Tuesday, May the 12th, A, D., 1896, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of selecting six delegates to represent this state at the Republican National Convention to convene at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, on Tuesday, the 16th day of June next, which is to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States; and also for transacting such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The convention at Dover will consist of one hundred and sixty (160) delegates apportioned among the several districts of the state as follows: Forty (40) delegates to be chosen from the First district; thirty-eight (38) delegates to be chosen from the Second district; forty (40) delegates to be chosen from the Third district; forty-two (42) delegates to be chosen from the Fourth district. The said delegates shall be appointed among the several sub-divisions of each district as heretofore.

And further, it is ordered that the modes of the election of delegates shall be as follows: The Republican voters shall assemble at the usual voting places in the several sub-divisions on Saturday, the 9th day of May next, and shall organize by electing three (3) judges to conduct the election, who shall forthwith open the polls and receive the ballots. The election shall be held between the hours of 2 p. m. and 9 p. m., the polls to be open continuously in each sub division for a period of not less than two hours. Provided, that the committees of the several districts may name the places and hours for holding such election.

Printed notice of this call, and of the details for carrying it into effect, shall be duly made.

Upon closing the polls the judges shall publicly count the votes and make out certificates of election in duplicate; one whereof shall be delivered to the delegates elected and the other shall be mailed forthwith to the secretary of the State Central Committee.

At the said election voters without regard to past political affiliations, who believe in Republican principles and endorse the Republican policy and pledge themselves to vote the Republican ticket, only, shall be allowed to vote.

JAMES H. WILSON, Chairman.
H. C. BROWNE, Secretary.

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REPUBLICAN OPPORTUNITY.

"If the Republican Party of Delaware were united this year, it would carry every thing in this State," said a shrewd and prominent Democrat this week, one who knows the differences and the weaknesses within the Democratic ranks. And the gentleman is right, but the pleasing part, the latter part of his statement, is marred with the introduction which begins with an "if," and a big „if" it is. Two things have combined for years to defeat the Republican Party in Delaware:

1—The manipulation of the assessment and collection laws by the Democrats, depriving hundreds of Republicans of their votes and putting the ballot in the hands of hundreds of Democrats not legally entitled.

2—The differences within the Republican ranks, the animosities of leaders, the maintaining of factional lines. Either of these causes alone could not have defeated the party for the past thirty years. It could not stand against them both, hence the situation to-day.

But the party this year has the opportunity of its existence. Never since there has been a Republican Party in the State has its opportunity been so great. In the first place the bone and sinew of the country, the American mechanic and artisan, is waiting with ill-concealed impatience to cast his ballot for a return to Republican rule at Washington at both ends of the avenue. This means many votes to the party, not in the city of Wilmington alone but throughout the State. With a united party it of itself would elect the State ticket and a majority of the General Assembly. It will be a shame, nay a crime, if the opportunity is thrown away.

In the second place the people have the first opportunity for forty years to elect delegates to a Constitutional Convention. They recognize the fact that they owe this privilege to the Republican Party which has forced the fight along this line for years while the Democratic Party, as a party organization and though its leaders, has opposed a Convention and defeated convention and amendments to the constitution to which it was solemnly pledged in its State Conventions. This condition would bring to the Republican Party support not only for the Republican nominees as delegates to the Convention but for the whole ticket from the progressive Democrats. They recognize that their party leaders having postponed convention as long as possible, now hope to defeat changes by the manipulation of delegates. They want the court house fees continued, possibly increased, and the governor to continue the appointment of themselves to these fat official positions. Nothing strange about that but many Democrats see through the game and they would stop it by voting the Republican ticket were they invited by a united party.

Many others are sick and tired of the disgusting assessment laws, the abomiable collection laws, the disfranchising tax receipt and registration laws. Good laws in the hands of honest men, but one rascal among a dozen other honest officials can manipulate and cheat the tax payer and the voter, so that hundreds of men would vote for a change if the Republican Party offered a refuge by a united front.

Will the Republicans embrace their opportunity? It is to be hoped they may. Just at the present time the Democratic press is making a great to do because a resolution offered by a Sussex county member of the State Central Committee at the meeting held last Monday was not adopted. The resolution provided:

"That the committee selecting the primary election officers make as a part of the board of election a representative of the minority in all hundreds and wards, where there is but one voting place, and where there are more than one voting place, the representation shall be equal. Each side to select its own officers, and in case of failure to do this the act in relation to holding primary elections shall govern."

It will be seen that the resolution was out of place, it not being the province of the State Committee to make rules for the primary elections, this matter having always been done by the County Committee. So far as we know only the Democratic papers are having anything to say in way of criticism, and their sole object is to stir up strife. That is part of their business. The *Every Evening* has done the Republican Party great harm in this way on the theory that a lie well told and well stuck to is as good as the truth; and especially since there has been no Republican paper to deny and meet these false accusations. Not having been in attendance upon the State Committee and not having seen any one who was present, and hearing the reports of differences only from the "Every Evening" and other Democratic papers we are not inclined to lay any stress on the difference of opinion as to the adoption of the resolution. Every Republican wants fair and honest primaries, and as we understand it has been the rule always to allow the several candidates representation on the primary boards. For the State Committee to have adopted the resolution, to have usurped the authority of the County Committee, would have been taken as proof conclusive by the barking dogs that the Committee proposed to steal the delegates. It would probably have been "good politics" to have referred the matter to the County Committees, where it properly belongs, instead of having voted it down. But we wait to see if this is the entering wedge to split the party at the door of the campaign as the Democratic papers credit certain Republicans with boasting. If so, then it is a deliberate act and means that Republican opportunity is to be sacrificed to personal ambition and gain, and the truth of the situation cannot be shown the Republicans of Delaware too soon. Shall the great Republican opportunity be sacrificed or will the party men rise up and demand that selfishness give way to the general good? Which shall it be?

AN ANSWER THAT ANSWERS NOT.

The *Sussex Journal* makes reply to the criticism of the TRANSCRIPT upon its declaration that "the Delaware State Senate decided that Gov. Watson had a right to vote." We supposed, and the average reader would suppose, that the *Journal* meant that the Senate had considered and passed upon the right of Wm T. Watson, acting Governor, to vote as a State Senator. This was misleading and is misleading. Just what the paper did mean it tells last week and our readers shall have its explanation.

"We shall answer that his right to vote is based on the acknowledged fact that (1) he was recognized and acknowledged by his party, (2) by his brother Senators, both Democratic and Republican, (3) by both houses of the Legislature and (4) by an unbroken stretch of precedents for one hundred and four years."

Let's analyze the answer. 1. "His party recognized and acknowledged him." Recognized and acknowledged for what? The *Journal* does not state. Does it mean "his right to vote?" Then for the sake of an agreement let's agree, though in fact many Democrats in private acknowledge that they do not believe he had such right. But this cuts no figure.

2. "By his brother Senators." Here is the vital point. If the State Senate and the senators acknowledged Mr. Watson's right to vote on May 9th then would the Democrats have established their claims, from their view, that Col. duPont is not entitled to be seated as Senator. Their claim is that the State Senate, whether right or wrong, is the sole judge of Watson's right to vote. But did the Senate and the Senators so acknowledge? The journal of the Senate, as we have frequently pointed out, shows that Mr. Watson did not vote; and three of the Democratic Senators refused to strengthen the Democratic claim by refusing to make affidavit that he did vote or take part in the proceedings of the Senate; and three of the Republican Senators make affidavit that he did not vote and did not take part in the proceedings of the Senate. The only reference to Mr. Watson in the Senate journal is that at the hour of 12 o'clock "the Senate, preceded by the Speaker and attended by the Clerks and sergeant-at-arms, proceeded to the Hall of the House, &c." This shows how weak in the whole Democratic claim. The *Journal* is satisfied with it, of course, because it has nothing stronger, and so are the Democratic U. S. Senators who are talking for days right along this line and with argument as flimsy as is this offered by the *Journal*.

3. "By both houses of the Legislature." But the Representatives in the General Assembly had no "put" in the settlement of Mr. Watson's right, according to the Democratic theory; then how trifling this answer. Nor did they acknowledge the right but protested against it.

4. "By an unbroken stretch of precedents for one hundred and four years." The *Journal* is either very ignorant or ——, well we prefer not to characterize it. It is well known that there is no precedent of an acting Governor ever taking part in the legislative proceedings in this State, or that one ever attempted it or claimed that privilege. That a Governor or an acting Governor after he had ceased to be such again took his seat among, and acted with, his brother senators is no precedent. The *Journal* knows this and must blush when it thinks of its attempt to deceive the people in its claim that there ever was a "precedent" for the votes cast by Wm T. Watson on May 9th.

In answering this one sentence from the *Journal* we have answered all of its argument. Our readers can judge how weak is its position. The paper further says, "his right to vote as Senator was not brought before the Senate." The decisions of the Senate were "constructive decisions." Our readers can now judge of the material that entered into the "construction," and how utterly at variance with common sense, with right and justice, with the decisions of the Supreme Court of the U. S. States, is the claim that Wm T. Watson exercises two offices at one and the same time. It may be that these "chickens shall come home to roost" like the assessment of Collector Whann.

We thank the *Journal* that it has finally made answer to our inquiries, and we believe that our readers will agree with us that it is an answer that answers not, not only failing to show that Gov. Watson had a right to vote but acknowledging that the Senate did not pass upon his right, except by "construction." And may the good Lord defend us from all "'constructive decisions'' from Democratic politicians.

"I HEARD a subscriber to the TRANSCRIPT censuring your paper for refusing to admit an article in answer to one that had appeared a few weeks ago." said a friend this week. There is some mistake. The TRANSCRIPT has not refused a hearing to any one, and more especially would it not refuse one who had a real or an imaginary grievance because of something that had appeared in the paper. We do not encourage controversies nor would we allow personal ones. We have hesitated to admit articles as we hesitate to write of some matters, not knowing just what is best, but a writer with something to say and no grudge to pay under his name can have space willingly in the TRANSCRIPT. And certainly one attacked or aggrieved, or appealed to by a previous article shall have a hearing. Anyway no one has been refused.

"POLITICAL THIEVES."

Under the above caption the Milford "Chronicle" of yesterday tells a remarkable story of political rascality which, if correct, should put its actors outside decent society. It is that an attempt was made to steal from the office of the Clerk of the Peace of Kent county the scrap assessment and thus to rob three hundred and sixty Republicans of their votes. The plot was given away by a young man who is a Republican but was supposed to be a Democrat. Several leading Republicans went to Clerk Dickson and demanded to see the assessment list. Dickson refused, and persistently refused when one of the gentlemen "in a dramatic manner placed his hands on a Bible that laid on the table and swore 'On the holy evangels of Almighty God, I swear that you, Dickson, shall be hung by the neck until you are dead somewhere between this office and your home, of this scrap assessment list is lost or stolen and these men thereby are not allowed to vote this year'" Dickson got frightened and produced the list for their inspection.

ELECTION REGISTRARS.

Acting Governor Watson on Tuesday named the following registrars and alternates, the second named being the alternate, for the registration this fall. It is needless to add, they are all Democrats:

NEW CASTLE COUNTY.

White Clay Creek Hundred—East, John W. Morrison, James R. Marshall; West, John P. Steel, James L. Crossan; Central, James H. Kane, George D. Medill.

New Castle—North, Richard Maloney, William Stroup; East, James A. Davis, Joseph Lefevre; West, Patrick McGrory, James McAllister: South Samuel P. Roberts, John J. Boyle.

Mill Creek—North, T. Addison Potts, William H. Little; East, Calvin Derrickson, William G. Hawthorne; West; Richard Bonsall, George W. Aiken.

Pencader—North, William R. Reese, Charles A. Bryan, South, Charles H. Salmon, John B. Mahoney.

St. Georges—East, first district, John G. Armstrong, Zachariah T. Atherby; second district, John W. Carrow, Abram Vandegrift; West first district, Edwin R. Cochran, Jr., Augustus Hushebeck; second, John A. Cleaver, Purnell J. Lynch.

Appoquinimink—West, Joseph Roberts, William A. Alfree; East, James A. Hart, Albert E. Wells.

Blackbird—West, Joseph Van Pelt, Chas. W. Jones; East, Robert N. Huggins, Ollie Hill.

Christiana—North, James McClafferty John Macklem; Highland district, William Eakin, Samuel Story; West, Harry Carpenter, Benjamin Haley; South, Fredus A. Sturgeon, Lewis W. Duff; Marshalltowndistrict, William J. Armstrong, John McCullen.

Brandywine—North, John W. Fraim, Charles. A. Rolthouse; South, Robert Orr Thomas E. Malin; East, William C. Weer Newton L. Grubb.

Red Lion—East, Woodward W. Cheairs, Benjamin F. Armstrong; West, Alfred J. Davidson, Harry C. Clark.

KENT COUNTY.

West Dover hundred—Eddy C. Daly, Willard S. Carson.

East Dover—First, James H. Hughes, William L. Dawes; Second, John C. Pennewill, James Wise; Third, Charles Denney, Mark W. Cole.

Milford—West, Perry P. Rickards, William T. Morris; East, James M. Thomas William P. Cullen.

North Murderkill—East, Samuel S. Sarde, Samuel Armstrong; West, Joseph S. Burchenial, Thomas C. Slay.

Mispillion—First, Thomas J. Smith, William J. Masten; Second, Jacob S. Graham, Joseph A. Hatfield.

Duck Creek—West, William J. McFarlan, J. Wesley Jones; East, William A. C. Hardcastle, Wilson T. Cavender.

Kenton—Thomas A. Reess· T. nAwbray.

Little Creek—Harry Rickards, John W. Fenimore, Jr.

South Murderkill—West, Joseph S. Reeves Charles W. Warren; East, James L. Sapp, John W. Emory.

SUSSEX COUNTY.

Georgetown hundred—Charles T. Purnell George R. Megrs.

Dagsboro—Henry A. Houston, Asahael R. Dodd.

Baltimore—Jasper Dawson, George W. Holoway.

Gumboro—Philip E. English, Panon King.

Indian River—William Wilson, of J. homas Johnson.

Nanticoke—James W. Smith, Walter P. Prettyman.

Seaford—William Wilson Donaho, Joseph A. Phillips.

Cedar Creek—Lincoln district, Charles Edgar Russell, William A. Fisher, South Milford, Philip H. Griffith, Samuel M. Abbott.

Little Creek—Registrar for West district not yet appointed; alternate, E. Pierce Ellis; William G. Hearn, George H. Otwell.

Broadkiln—No appointments yet made.

Northwest Fork—William M. Salmons William D. Lynch.

Lewes and Rehoboth—John P. Marshall, William A. Russell.

Broad Creek—Jacob Bounds, William T. Moore:

Note—The first man named for each district is the the registrar and the second is the alternate registrar.

The commission will be sent out tomorrow.

Two years ago Governor Reynolds deferred among them until May 1.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mr. Jos. L. Gibson spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Columbus watkins, Jr., of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents.

Mrs. Ophelia B. George was the guest of Camden friends on Sunday.

Miss Carrie Dudley has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. wm. Van Dyke.

Miss Martha Townsend has returned after a six weeksvisit in wilmington.

Miss May Enos has returnedto Odessa after prolonged stay in wilmington.

Prof. George A. Bunting was a Philadelphia visitor on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Dudley Van Dyke, of Easton, Md., is spending a few days with relatives in town.

Mr. Jonathan K. williams, whose serious illness was mentionedlast week, is very much improved.

The schooner wilbur E. Postles is loading with grain consigned to J. B. Foard of Middletown.

Mrs. Scull, nee Miss Constance Mailley, has been spending several days with Mrs. wm. R. Davis.

Rev. E. P. Roberts, wife and children are spending several days with Mr. Robert's mother in Maryland.

Mrs. Lizzie Morris, who has been spending the winter months with the Misses Baker has returned to wilmington,

Miss Amelia Vandegrift has accepted an excellent position in Philadelphia and left for her new home a few days since.

Mrs. and Mrs. L. Scott Townsend and Miss Mary K. Dure, of wilmington, spent Tuesday and wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend.

During the absence of Rev. E. P. Roberts on Sunday, the pulpit of the M. E. Church was filled both morning and evening by Rev. A. T. Scott of wilmington.

The Steamer Clio was unable to enter the creek on her return trip on Friday owing to the very low tides which have prevailed for the past two weeks. The Steamer anchored at Port Penn and reached the whar here on Saturday night.

Miss Ethel Mailly entertained the Brownie Tennis Club on Friday evening of last week. The club is in a flourishing condition and has announced its intention of challenging any club on the Peninsula, as soon as practice can be resumed.

At the Town election held in Charles w. Lloyd's hotel on Friday the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year, wm. H. Eccles, Treasurer; Joseph H. Enos, assessor and F. B. watkins and Dr. Joseph Carrow, commissioners.

Bicycles are gaining ground rapidly in Odessa and several beginners have been entertaining own citizens with amusing efforts to conquer their "silent steeds." Our popular news agent, wm. Kumpel, is the latest "devotee" and is favorably mentioned for President of the "Belmont wheel club."

Mr. and Mrs. J. w. watkins entertained about twenty friends on wednesday evening in honor of the fifth anniversary of their wedding. Pleasant games were indulged in until a late hour, when copions refreshments were served and the guests departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. watkins, many happy returns of their anniversary.

An exciting runaway occurred on Main St. on wednesday morning. A fractious colt driven by Mr. A. P. Corbit became unmanageable and made a dash for liberty. The pedestrians on the crowded thoroughfare scattered in all directions and a serious loss of "Life and limb" was averted by Mr. Corbits' presence of mind and good horsemanship.

Quite a number of Odessians attended the Middletown dance on Tuesday night and pronounced it the most enjoyable of Middletown's many enjoyable dances notwithstanding the efforts of Middletown's 'brass band' to destroy the rhythm of Oglesby's up-to-date music, by the assembling in the room above dancing hall and keeping up a veritable calethumpian serenade with the blaze of brazen trumpets and the clang of tinkling cymbals! Finding their efforts futile they disbanded ab out eleven o'clock and sought their homes filled with disgust and wet with perspiration.

POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Harry A. Richardson whose name has been used with severval others in connection with the Republican gubernatorial nomination, has this week announced to his friends that he is not a candidate and will in no way consider the nomination. Like a good business man, which he is, and like a straight-forward, Republican, which he is, having decided the question he announces the decision. This is alike fair to his himself and homable to his friends of whom he has many. The perpetual flirting with nomination is unfair to friends and injurious to party success. Many friends of Mr. Richardson will be disappointed at his decision.

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In pursuance of the local announcement two weeks ago of the candidacy of Mr. Merritt N. willits for Levy Court Commission for the Fifth District, his card appears in this issue of TRANSCRIPT. No one doubts Mr. willits' qualification for this office, his ability, his devotion to the public business. He will command the full Republican vote, if nominated, which may be by acclimation and has been encouraged by Democrats to acceptthe nomination

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The Republican State Central Committee met in wilmington on Monday and fixed upon Tuesday, May 12, as the date of the State Convention to elect six delegates to attend the St. Louis Convention. The primares will be held on Saturday, May 9th The officiall call appears else where.

Prizes for our Readers.

The publishers of the LADIES' EVERY SATURDAY will give $70.00 in Gold, besides Gold Watches, Silver Tea Sets, Fruit Services, Silver Water Pitchers, Silver Fern Dishes, Silver Coffee Cups and Saucers, Silver Knives and Forks, all of good plate, also Genuine Diamond Rings, Music Boxes, Boudoir Clocks, China Sets, Sewing Machines, Chafing Dishes, etc., in order of merit, to those sending the largest number of words made from the letters contained in the two words, "L-A-D-I-E S' W-E E K-L-Y."

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Philapelphia Daily Call says, Ladies' Every Saturday is vivacious and captivating." Philadelphia Evening Star, says, 'Ladies' Every Saturday is not to be wondered at." The Philadelphia Daily News says, "Ladies' Every Saturday is firmly intrenched in favor of the fair sex, especially in Philadelphia." The Philadelphia Public Ledger says. "The Editor of the Ladies' Every Saturday gives full measure for the cost." Philadelphia Record says, "Ladies' Every Saturday bids fair to become a most welcome weekly visitor."

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The third lot is 1600 yards beautiful styles strip and plaid Dress Ginghams, among which is a good assortment of Scotch plaids—15c quality for 10 cts. per yard.

The fourth lot is 900 yards of splendid styles of plaid and stripe Dress Ginghams; the finest made--25c quality for 15 cents per yard.

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This is a reduction occasion which every lady interested in cotton fabrics for this Summer should see--east counters and main aisles, annex.

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Finest Overcoats worth $25.00 next October, are $12.50 now.
Finest Black Suits worth $30.00, to-day we sell for $15.00.
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Spring Overcoats worth $12.00 are $6.00; $7.50 ones $3.75.
Boys' Suits ought to bring $8.00, now $4.00; $4.00 ones $2.00
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We only give a few prices out of many. The city is stirred up over our prices. Nothing has ever been done like it. We're clothing with Wanamaker & Brown's make of Clothing at prices that don't pay for the cloth and work.

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Fine Dress Ginghams, the colorings, styles and qualities suggest the finest Ginghams that come to this market, at 7c, regular value 10c.

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The Best American Prints, Black and White, Silver Grays and White, at 5c, worth 8c.

Yard wide Percales, warranted fast colors, in all new linen effects, regular 15c quality, at 10c.

Organdie Lawns, in all the Linen and Dresdon effects, worth 18c, at 12½c.

HOSIERY—Ladies' Full Regular Made Hermsdorf Black Hose, double heels and toes, 12½c, worth 18c.

Ladies' Hermsdorf Black, Plain and Ribbed Hose at 19c, worth 25c.

Ladies' Double Sole, Heels and Toes Hermsdorf Black cotton Hose, at 25c, worth 35c.

Ladies' Fine Black Cotton Hose, the 50c or 75c kind, 39c.

Children's Hose—Fast Black Cotton Hose, Double Knee, Heel and Toe, 12½c per pair, worth 18c.

Boys' Extra Heavy Spliced Knees, Heels and Toes, 20c a pair, worth 25c.

J. B. MESSICK.

The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APR. 11, 1896

Local News.

WANTED.—Caps m's and w's. The dance, the jury list, etc. ran out the supply.

—James Grace, a farmer of near Bear Station, died on Monday, of paralysis.

—Try a can of Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Hulled Corn). It is delicious. Full qt., 10c.

—Mr. J. B. Foard is offering to sell below cost the Bissell Chilled Plow, equal to the best, for cash.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand.

Geo. G. Rowe, corner Main and Scott streets, has opened up an entire new line of Wall Papers and the prices are the lowest for the quality of goods. Get your orders in early satisfaction guaranteed.

—Mr. Allen McDowell, having completed his course at Goldey's College in wilmington, has accepted a position with Strawbridge and Clothier, in Philadelphia, and will take his place then next week.

—By invitation of the pastor, Rev. I. L. wood. Council no 2. Jr.. O. U. A. M., will attend Divine Service in the M. E. Church tomorrow evening. The members will meet at the Council chamber at 7 o'clock and proceed to the church at 7.30.

—Again one of the Easton papers changes proprietors. It is the "Star-Democrat" that passes from J. Frank Turner, Esq., to S. E. Whitman, a practical printer, and the paper misses the snap and fire of the political editors in the first issue.

—Mr. Frank Dorsey, of Warwick, who was one of the graduates at the Williamson's Schools, at Media, Pa. last Saturday has the position of electrical engineer at the Reading Terminal, Philadelphia, andt entered upon his duties immediately upon receiving his diploma.

—The TRANSCRIPT acknowledges the receipt of a photograph of Hon. I. N. walker, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. from F. H. Lord, general passenger and ticket agent of the Chicago Great western Railway Co. The photo has been presented to Major John Jones Post.

—Miss Frances E. Willard will deliver an address at Grace M. E. Church. Wilmington, for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, on next Tuesday evening, April 14. Miss Willard expects to sail for Europe on the following Monday, and this will be her last public address before leaving this country.

—The "Transactions of the Peninsula Horticultural Society, Ninth Annual Session, held in Denton, Caroline county, Md., January 15, 16 and 17, 1896," a neat pamphlet of 110 pages from the press of the "Delawarean," is on our table. It is a valuable publication to every fruit grower who is seeking to improve his methods.

—Cards of invitation have been issued to the marriage of Miss Grace Griffiss of Baltimore to Mr. Alfred Wight Jacobson, on Wednesday, April 22 at high noon, in St. John's P. E. Church. Miss Griffiss, having been a frequent visitor to Middletown, has many friends here who wish her much joy in a long and happy married life.

—Middletown was well represented at the dance given in Smyrna last evening: Among those present were misses Helen Naudain, Gertrude Smith, Adda Foard, Maria Allison, Susie Parker, Lizzie Parker, messrs. J. C. Kelley, E. M. Vaughan, Allen McDowell, w. F. metten, F. R. Pool, G. L. Townsend, Jr., Reese Parker, and wm. Brady.

—On Easter Monday St. Anne 's P. E. Church elected the following members of the vestry for the ensuing year. wardens H. N. willits and H. A. Nowland. Vestrymen, J. B. Foard, George V. Peverley, A M. Chamberlaine, w. G. Lockwood, N. J. williams, M. N. willits and Stephen Boyer. The vestry will meet and organize on Monday.

—Rev. J. S. Holly, who for the past two years has been the pastor of Dale's M. E. Church, was appointed to serve the church at Fruitland, Md., for the ensuing year, at the late session of the Delaware Conference held at Chester, and Rev. N. H. Horsey is appointed his successor here. Rev. D. R. Dunn goes to Odessa, Rev. P. W. Price, to Delaware City and Rev. Abram Chase returns to Townsend.

—Master Alex. walmesley, the polite and efficient clerk in Vaughan's Pharmacy, met with an accident on Saturday that might have been worse. In attempting to jump into the express wagon at the depot as the horse started up his foot caught in the wheel and had he not grabbed and held the wheel his leg would have been broken. He got off with two serve cuts below the knee that kept him in doors several days.

—Miss Martha Biddle, of Cecil County Md., has just completed her 42nd year as a public school teacher. She is well known in this section, having some years ago taught at the school house on the "Levels" where her mental and physical vigor had full sway, much to the betterment of the young scions of the neighborhood. Her occasional visits to some of her old time pupils here are occasions for many pleasant and amusing reminisences.

—The Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A. can certainly congratulate themselves on the selection of the room in the Cochran block. The carpet of "ecru" with 'olive" figure matches well the tasty wall paper. The new chairs, extension tables and settees give it a "bright as a new pin" appearance. The first meeting was held there last evening, an adjourned business meeting, when the social committee arranged for " an opening and reception" to be given at the next regular meeting. Friday, April 17th, to consist of music, vocal and orchestral, brief addresses, etc.

—Farmer Dunn was in a very benign mood on Sunday, and the weather was correspondingly propitious for the glad Easter tide. Heaven and nature proclaimed the Risen Lord, and bright sunshine and happy song-birds united to own the day. The churches were all tastefully and appropriately decorated with beautiful floral offerings, and Easter lilies and palms were never so handsomely displayed. The sermons by each of the ministers were appropriate to the day, and the music very attractive. Large congregations prevailed, the number of persons coming from the country giving evidence of the dawning spring time. It was a beautiful Easter, day, The Resurrection story and reviving nature were never more impressively blended.

CHURCH CHIMES.

Mr. w. B. Kates will lead the Epworth League meeting to-morrow evening, 6.45. The Scriptures as a defense" is the topic.

Miss May Holten will lead the meeting of the Christian Endeavor to-morrow evening 6.45 in the lecture room of First Presbyterian Church, topic "will our excuses stand?"

Rev. M. L. Gates, pastor of Asbury M. E. Church, wilmington, is to exchange places with Rev. Chas. M. McAnny, of Mt. Kisco Church in New York, the transfer being made on account of the ill health of Mr. Gate's wife.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. John Ash spent Sunday at his home in Chester.

—Miss Annie wilson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. w. Roberts near Smyrna.

—Mrs. James Collins and Miss Mabelle Taylor spent this week in wilmington.

—Miss Bessie Ranson, of Smyrna, was the guest of Miss Clarabel wilson, this week.

—Mrs. H. Appleton and Miss Belle Appleton are visiting relatives in Bethlehem, Pa.

—Dr. Joseph Frame, of millsboro, Del., was the guest Geo. F. L. wilson on Thursday.

Miss Laura warren, of Ashburn Pa., is the guest of Miss Bessie Reynolds, this week.

—Mrs. N. J. Williams spent Easter at her sister's Mrs. J. Fletcher Price, in Chesapeake.

—Miss Ethel Brady, a student at Bethlehem Pa. spent the Easter holidays at home.

—Robert A. Comegys, of the University of Pennsylvania, spent the Easter holidays at home.

—Misses Coulbourne, of Delaware City, was Miss Josephine Biggs' guest on Tuesday night.

—Miss Lucie Cochran returned home on Tuesday after spending several weeks in New York City.

—Miss Viola Ennis, who has been spending the winter in Philadelphia, returned home on wednesday.

—Mrs. Sallie E. Rice has returned home after a visit of several months with friends in middletown, Pa.

—Mr. Clarence Prettyman, of Seaford, was the guest of his brother, Edwin Prettyman, on Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Donavon, near town, have both been ill of pneumonia but are now convalescing.

—Miss Gertrude Smith, of Baltimore, who was the guest of Miss Helen Naudain this week, returns home to-day.

—Miss Minnie Rothwell, of Willow Grove, Pa., is visiting her aunts, the Misses Beaston on South Broad Street.

—Miss Parvis and Miss Turner were guests of Miss Louise Elliott, in Wilmington, yesterday, at a 5 o'clock tea.

Miss Evelyn Kibler, and Miss Alma Bouchelle, of Chesapeake City, were guests of Miss Helen Price, on Tuesday night.

—Mrs. Jocob B. Cazier gave a surprise party to her daughter, miss Edna, at Mt. Vernon Place, near Kirkwood, on Friday evening.

—Miss Bessie Boyer entertained her friends Mr. and Mrs. Moody and Miss Blanken, of Wilmington, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

—Miss Grace Turner, of Lutherville, Md. who was the guest of Miss Mabel Parvis, this week. is visiting Mrs. Hugh C. Browne, in Wilmington.

—Lockwood Stam, a student at Rock Hill College, near Baltimore, spent the Easter holidays at his uncle George Lockwood's near town.

—Misses Neva Parvis, Mazie Townsend, Mary Register and Katherine Ellison, of Dover, were guests of Miss Mabel Parvis on Tuesday night.

Miss Marie Lockwood spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lockwood near Warwick, and on Wednesday started for Louisville, Ky,

—Miss Jennie Frame left town this week for Philadelphia and after a sojourn with Quaker City friends, will return here enroute for Sussex county.

—Miss Susie Parker and her guest, Miss Allison, were in New Castle on Monday in attendance at a brilliant reception and musicale given in their honor by Miss May Whitnack.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Maloney, of Townsend, have issued invitations to their friends to "the Twentieth Anniversary of their wedding, Monday, April, 20, from 7 to 11 p. m."

—Messrs. Frank Pool and Reece Parker escorted misses Susie Parker and marie Alison to Philadelphia Thursday evening to see a popular play at the Broad Street Theatre.

—Mr. Thomas M. Hall, a popular druggist of Johnstown Pa., and Mr. wm. Hall, a student at williamson Schools, at Media, Pa., are guests of their mother, Mrs. Mary Hall at the manse, this week.

—L. C. Vandergrift, Esq , of wilmington, passed through middletown yesterday on his way to visit his venerable father, Mr. Leonard George Vandegrift, who has passed the four score line and is very ill at his residence near McDonough.

—Mr. walter Rothwell, of the Quaker City, paid a flying visit to his relatives, the Misses Beaston, this week and attended the after-Easter dance. His friend, Mr. F. H. Griffith, accompanied him, and "liked Middletown" All young men do, and most of them like its fair young ladies.

Don't fail to see the trimmed hats at Mrs. Barnett's. They take the lead for style and price.

NECROLOGY.

Mrs. Sarah Poole Bancroft, who died last week at her home at Rockford, was buried on Tuesday. She was the widow of Joseph Bancroft, who died over twenty years ago, dan the mother of William P. and Samuel Bancroft, Jr., who survice her. She wasl 92 years old, a member of the Society of Friends and for many years clerk of the quarterly meetings. She was very wel known in and around Wilmington.

Miss Bessie Buckworth, second daughter of George Buckworth, died at her home on Monday after an illness of ten days of brain fever. She was 19 years old. Her furneral was on Thursday from the residence of her father on Bohemia Manor. Interment at Bethel. On the day of her burial her grandmother Buckworth, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Stevens, with whom she made her home, on the Joseph Biggs farm near Cecilton. She was quite an old lady and died of paralysis.

WILLARD VINEYARD.

willard Vineyard, son of william Vineyard, of warwick was visiting at Mr. Edward Manlove's on the "Levels" on Thursday and while enjoying the childish pleasure of sliding down the straw stacks hurt his spine and died from the injure he received a few hours. His funeral will be on Monday at 10.30 a. m. Services at the house interment at warwick.

Mrs. M. C. Barnett is adding a new line of spring dress goods samples every few few days.

Mrs. Fannie Lockwood announces that she will continue the millinery business of the late miss S. A. Howell at her old stand on west Main Street. She has a full new stock of spring goods, and is showing some of the most stylish trimmed hats and bonnets of the season. Patrons old and new will do well to inspect her goods.

LO! ANOTHER PROPHET.

Another weather prophet is in the field It is George Booth, the caterer, at "Rice's old stand, may it suit your pleasure" Here are the predictions and he especially invites that "hit" and "miss" notes be taken:

April 12—New Moon—Warm, followed by cooler rains, colder, possibly snow.

20th—First Quarter—Cool, followed by fair and warmer weather, followed by warm rain.

27th—Full Moon—Cooler, possibly snow, turning to rain, followed by cold, cloudy weather, clearing colder weather.

May 4th—Last Quarter—Cool, fair weather; followed by rain, balance of the quarter very disagreeable, 3 days north easterly winds.

12th—New Moon—Followed by northwestwinds, cold for the time of the year, someice, very frosty, snow and rain, wind.

20th—First Quarter—Cold and frosty, rain or snow. very disagreeable weather, corn planted will not grow on account of wet, cold ground. Snow or cold rain all combined to make plants of tender nature difficult to retain vitality.

26th—Full Moon—Followed by warmer weather, warm rains and thunder showers remainder of the quarter.

June 3—Last Quarter—Rain, followed by very disagreeable weather, cold, rain or snow, bad weather all through the quarter No corn will grow, tomatoes not killed before killed now. Colder than ever known since 1844. Peaches frozen off the tree. Continued very cold and blustry rain.

11th.—New Moon—Colder, more frost or snow, cold blustry weather the quarter out.

18th—First Quarter—Cold rain, disagreeable weather will prevail, cold rain or snows will continue for three days, followed by warm weather, rainy and disagreeable weather until 25th.

25th—Full Moon—Colder, followed by cool rain, followed by warm weather for June 29. 30, July 1st and 2nd.

So ends the prediction. And is absolutely correct, and don't you forget it—in the changes of the moon, according to the almanac. On the quiet we wish to say we do not believe a word of the balance of the prediction, except were it loads up with a double barrel. claiming clear and cloudy, fair and rain, all for the same period. That hits it just right—one or the other. And as to the corn and tomatoes not growing, just take a tip from the TRANSCRIPT: Booth wants to sell all the roasting ears and vegegables and if he could frighten the farmers out of planting he would be in a fair way to sell more. There are tricks in all trades but ours.

Misses Echenhofer have just returned from the city with loads of pretty things in spring millinery, and their customers are showing their appreciation by flocking to their store to make an early choice of a pretty spring bonnet. The most fittiug things at the most fitting prices are found there, and do you know, if they furnish your head wear it will be most fittingly done. Don't fail to give them a call.

United States Jurors.

The following jurors were drawn Tuesda morning by United Sates Commissioners Smith and Cooper, to serve at the April term of the United States district, court, whichopens on April 14th.

Grand jurors—From Wilmington hundred, Daniel F. Stewart, Thomas Condon, Henry M. Lodge, Thomas Cardwell. Albert Cowgill, James L. Bolten, William E. Ainsworth, William Holland; Georgetown Charles P. Bartling; Red Lion, Jacob Cazier, S. D. Townsend; West Dover, Robert A. Davis; Pencader, C. H. Salmon; Seaford, James F. Dutton; Mispillion, S. Luther Shaw Mill Creek, Lewis Derrickson; North Murderkill, W. J. Frazier; New Castle John M. Hanson; Lewes and Rehoboth, Robert Arnold Christiana, Henry C. White, Talleyville, William A. Husbands.

Petit Jurors—Wilmington, Harry S. Bullock, S. H. Baynard, James B. Lowe, Michael Donohoe, William B. Clerk, E. Michell Jr., Frederick Darlington, Philip P. Tyre, James Christy; Brandywine, G. S. Bigger, Isaac N. Grubb, James C. McComb; Little Creek, Walter S. Hendrickson; New Castle, A. H. Padberg, H. R. Borie: Appoquinimink, Walter J. Hart, Daniel B. Maloney Cedar Creek, Charles T. Deputy; West Dover, David O. Marvil; Indian River, William Hurdell; Dagsboro, Ebe D. Gray; Baltimore, David Warrington; Kenton, John W. Graham; East Dover, Eldad L. Clarke; Georgetown, G. W. Hatfield; Mill Creek, S. B. Curtis; North Murderkill, Luther M. R. Carter, Harry V. Hagadine; South Murderkill, James B. Anderson; White Clay Creek, George D. Medill; Duck Creek, Richard M. Johnson; Mispillion Rufus R. Waples; Blackbird, John E. Wilson.

The grand jurors will be summoned to appear at 11 o'clock next Tuesday morning and the petit jurors at the same hour on Wednesday.

Easter has come and gone but the pretty spring bonnet remains. Mrs. A. M. McKee has the most beautiful display she has ever shown; and she invites the bonnet buying as well as the bonnet wearing public to call and see her goods.

Closed the Church.

The trustees of the M. E. Church at Millwood, have refused to receive the Rev. T. S. Tompkinson, recently appointed to that charge. The church was locked against him last Sunday. The Milford Neck trustees also at first refused to receive him, but afterward opened their church, but only seven persons entered to hear the minister preach, out of some 200 gathered at the place. The chancellor of the state has been asked to issue an injunction against the refractory trustees of the Millwood church, which he has done, and will hear the case next Saturday (today) at Dover,

Do you know you can get a hat for 10 cents at Mrs. Barnett's.

Clerk Foard's Settlement.

Clerk of the Peace Jefferson B. Foard made his semi-annual settlement with State Treasurer Charles H. Adkins Tuesday morning. The settlement covers the period from September 30th, 1895, to March 31st; 1896. Clerk of the Peace Foard paid to Treasurer Adkins $35,117,49, of which $20 was for fees for four constables, and the remainder, which was received for licenses, was divided as follows Taverns, city, rural and fractional, $26,159,50; eating houses, $206,25; auctioneers, $140; stallions, $20; peddlers, $50; hawker or peddler, $375; special inn or tavern, $1,900; special retailer to sell liquor, $125; doctors, $225; dentists, $57.50; lawyers, $47.50; conveyancers, $15 marriage, $634 merchants one year $1,861,90; merchants, six mouths, and tax, $615.99; manufacturers, six months $203.69; brokers, $200; real estate, $425 merchants to sell liquor, $900; druggists to sellliquor, $120

Mrs. Barnett's is the place to get the children's school hats at 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 cents.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised. J. P. Evans, Chs. Bradley, Luther Marker

Do you know the prices of Mrs. Barnett's millinery are within reach of all. A trimmed hat for 50cts. and on up to $5.00

AND NOW THE DANCE:

The after lenten ball of Tuesday night was brilliant and beautiful and attended by the largest number of charming ladies and gallant gentlemen ever assembled in Middletown to pay tribute at the shrine of Terpsichore.

The Opera House was made pretty for the occasion; and not a few found the cosy corners, on the stage, where couches tete-a-tetes, etc. were conveniently arranged, very pleasant places of refuge from the over crowded floors, and mayhap there were choice bits from life's great drama, the same old story softly rehearsed on the stage, while music and dancing filled the hall.

The music which was very fine, was furnished by Oglesby's orchestra, and as strain after strain of measured melody was heard, the slippered feet of near an hundred fair ones responded and music and motion made perfect rythm.

There were many present from a distance, besides a large attendance of local and nearby pleasure seekers, and fully seventy-five couples were on the floor at one time. Philadelphia, Wilmington and Dover were well represented, while Maryland as usual contributed a goodly number, one of Elkton's fair daughters being one of the special favorites of the evening, her tall and graceful form and ease and elegance of manner won much admiration. There were also quite a number from Smyrna, one of the fairest and most graceful figures seen on the ball room floor, being from that town.

To name the belle of the ball is perhaps a needless undertaking, for surely they were all belles and everyone had a good time. But if there was one more gracious, witty and charming than all others, the TRANSCRIPT can describe her. She was of medium height, rather slender, and her face one of the fairest that ere the sun shone on; her soft hair in radient ripples was becomingly arranged, and the graceful poise of her shapely head was not the least of her charms. Her sunny smile and low sweet voice were very winsome, and her dark blue eyes beamed with the pleasure of the hour. She wore a beautiful gown of soft light material, and flowers were her anly ornaments, and her name and place of abode is an easy riddle to read.

The costumes were as varied as beautiful, and every lady was prettily and becomingly dressed. The dancing began at 9.30, and, with an intermission at midnight for refreshments, continued until 3 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The patronesses were: Mrs. Geo. Janvier, who wore a pink dress; Mrs. W. B. Biggs, pink and nile green; Mrs. J. P. Cochran, flowered ecru silk and lace; Mrs. Howard Pool, white silk, chiffon and pearls,

The following are those from Middletown who participated in the dance: Miss Lucie Cochran, pink silk and chiffon; Miss Ada Foard, corncolored silk; Miss Bessie Foard, blue flowered silk; Miss Mary P. Cochran, white dotted muslin and pink ribbons; Miss Anna Cochran, white organdie; Miss Lydia Cochran, blue silk; Miss Mabelle Parvis, white organdie over white silk; Miss Agnes Lockwood, white mulle; Miss Edith Derrickson, blue organdie; Mrs. E. Prettyman, yellow and black silk; Miss Bessie Reynolds, white organdie over pink silk; Miss Della Clayton, handsome yellow brocade with pearls; Miss May Clayton, lavender taffeta; Miss Helen Naudain, white mulle over pink silk; Miss Daisy Naudain, white china silk: Miss Hester Jones, white silk and chiffon; Miss Josephine Biggs, garnet chiffon and silk; Miss Bessie Boyer, white silk and carnations; Miss May Holten, white organdie and chiffon; Miss Lizzie Parker, white mousseline de soie; Miss Susie Parker, light blue flowerd organdie; Miss Allison, white organdie and lace; Miss Edith Reynolds, white organie over white silk; Miss Louise Reynolds, white organdie and lace; Miss Slye Cochran, white dotted mulle; Messrs: J. C. Kelley, E. Vaughan, W. G. Lockwood, Wm. Metten, John Parvis, Allen McDowell, Grey Taylor, Frank Pool, Howard Pool, Reece Parker, Douglas Cochran, J. P. Cochran, Jr., Eben Clarke, Harry Budd, Dr. J. C. Stites, Fred Crouch. Clarence Clayton, Leo. Evans, Wm. Brady, R. A. Comegys, Harry Lockwood, Robert Cochran, Chas. Crawford.

New Castle, Miss May Whitnack, dotted mulle and light blue satin,

St. Georges, Miss Annie Schultz, green silk with velvet and irredescent trimmings, Mr. Schultz. Wm. Veasy, Merrit and Eugene Paxson.

Odessa, Miss Cornelia Townsend, white silk and pearls; G. L. Townsend, Jr. and Mr. Alex Corbit.

Smyrna, Mrs. Lee O. Waller, white organdie over silk; her guest, Miss Shissler, of Shamoakin, Pa., white silk and brocade; Miss Mary E. Anthony, light blue bengaline, dark velvet, chiffon and pearl trimmings; Messrs. Lee O. Waller, Walter Busteed, Hirons Denny and G. Davis Brown; Kenton, Miss Bertha Bailey, white organdie and yellow satin.

Dover, Miss Neva Parvis pink organdie; Miss Mary Register, white over yellow; Miss Katharine Ellison, black mousselin de soie; Miss Mazie Townsend, black chiffon; Messrs Wm. Pennewill, S. A. Smith, Wm. Denny and H. A. Richardson, Thos. Frame, W. Hall.

Wilmington, Mrs. L. Scott Townsend, yellow and white silk and chiffon; Mrs. Moody, garnet chiffon and silk; Miss Blankin, pink satin and pearls; Miss Platt flowered old rose organdie; Miss Grace Johnson, pink flowered organdie; Miss Ida Johnson, white organdie; Miss Dure, pink organdie over silk; Mr. Gadd, Mr. Layton, D. B. Barnard.

Philadelphia, Miss Marie Lockwood, flowered organdie and violets; Miss Laura Warren, white mousselin de soie; Miss Ida Colbourn, pink silk and chiffon; Miss Madeline Colbourne, white silk; Messrs. Walt. Conoway, Irwin Shepherd, Curtis Holton, Walter Rothwell, and Mr. Griffith.

Newark, Miss Edna Henry, yellow silk and black lace; Miss Ella Raub, white china silk; Mr. Joseph Hossinger and Dr. Green.

Chestertown, Miss Greenwood, blue organdie and white lace.

Baltimore, Miss Grace Turner, white mulle, over pink silk: Miss Gertrude Smith, white silk and mulle; Mr. Oran Cooper.

Pocomoke City, Mr. and Mrs. Schee Lockwood.

Chester, Mr. Harrington Clark, and Mr. Tunis.

Bridgeville, J. Edgar Leyton, R O. Cannon.

Elkton, Miss Lucille Litzenburg, white silk with sable trimmings; Mressrs. John Constable and Fred Gilpin,

Chesapeake, Miss Evelyn Kibler, blue silk and chiffon; Miss Alma Bouchelle, lemon silk and chiffon; Miss Mary Ellison yellow silk, Messrs. John M. Reed, Jr., Harry and Frank Howard.

Ceciltон, Miss Julia Dushane, red and black silk; Miss Addie Woodall, white organdie; Mrs. Kittinger and Miss Hardcastle, Mr. Wilson Cochran.

Port Deposit, Miss Elsie Bond, white silk and lace.

Milford, Chas. G. Prettyman,

Mr. John C. Kelley President of the Young Men's Social Club by whom the ball was given, was assisted in the arrangements by the following efficient committee: Reece Parker, Wm. Metten, Leo Evans, Al. Tatman, Frank Pool, E. Vaughan, Clarence Clayton, and Eben Clark. The floor committee was: Dr. J. C. Stites, G. L. Townsend, Jr. Frank R. Pool, J. C. Kelley, and Wm. Metten.

DELAWARE CITY.

Miss Lizzie Cook is ill.

Mrs. John Swan, Jr., is quite sick.

Charles Walker has been visiting at the club house.

Gilbert Green, of Smyrna, was in town on Sunday.

Miss Agnes Ubil spent Easter Sunday in Salem, N. J.

Mrs. Storrie expects to return to Salem on Saturday.

Rev. H. S. Thompson's family arrived on Tuesday.

Miss Georgie Money spent Easter in Philadelphia.

W. Snowdell, of Chester, Pa., visited in town this week.

William Wroth, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Col. Robert L. Floyd and son have returned to New York.

Rev. George S. Gassner visited Wilmington on Wednesday.

Dr. W. M, Ogle visited relatives in Wilmington this week.

The Misses Gillespie have returned to Swarthmore College.

Miss Mary Corbit spent Easter with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Gertie Hutchinson has returned from a visit to Wilmington.

Clarence Poole and wife, of McDonough, were in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. F. T. Eagle, of New Castle, spent Sunday with Mrs. C. A. Ogle.

Miss Annie O'Neil spent Sunday in New Castle, the guest of Miss Lucy Ford.

Mrs. Eliza Appleton, of Odessa, spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. A. Jarrell.

L. Everingham, of Wye, Md., was the guest of Mrs. M. A. Hunter this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schunder spent Sunday with her parents near Port Penn.

George Shuster and wife have returned from a protracted visit to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Eliza Ogle, of Wilmington, spent a few days with relatives in town this week.

Miss Sarah Janvier has returned from a visit to Mrs. L. G. Vandegrift near Port Penn.

Miss Dora Frempt who accompanied her father to Philadelphia, returned on Monday.

Mrs. Webb, of New Castle, was Mrs. H. C. Johannes' guest for a few days this week.

Mrs. Smith and daughter, of Philadelphia, visited Mrs. John Schunder this week.

Jacob Frempt is at the hospital in Philadelphia, in order to have his eye operated upon.

Mrs. George F. Foard returned on Sunday from a visit to her aged mother near McDonough.

Miss Ethel Reybold entertained Miss Agnes Hillman, of Philadelphia, for a few daysthis week.

Mrs. Clayton Von Culin and daughter attended the wedding of Raymond Hickey to Miss Sullivan of Philadelphia this week.

Miss Emma Blakely, who has been visiting Mrs. F. D. Dunlap, has returned to her home in Philadelphia, accompanied by Miss Cora Dunlap.

Mrs. Mullin returned home on Monday. Bernard La Boube has recently been the the guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles T. Edwards in New Castle.

The W. C. T. U. met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Lena Linn. Mrs. Cranston, of Newport, President of the W. C. T. U. of New Castle County, was present, and made a short address on "Woman's Franchise." Delegates were elected to attend the County Convention to be held in Wilmington April 23d. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. A. Pennington's, for which a varied and interesting program has been prepared. There were several invited guests present, as follows: J. Thomas Price, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. William Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pordham, Lester Wingate and family, O. B. Wingate and family, Misses Cora Dunlap, Emma Blackely and Gardiner. Refreshments were served and at a late hour the company dispersed.

Grand and Petit Jurors:

The following are the jurors drawn on Saturday by Prothonotary Woolley and the Clerk of the Peace Foard, for the May term of Court.

GRAND JURORS.

Wilmington hundred—Charles E. Dubell, James Megary.

New Castle—Hiram R. Borie, Douglas M. McCoy, Henry M. Silver.

Brandywine—James S. Heald, William H. Clark.

Pencader—Thomas Davidson, Joseph B. O'Rourke.

Appoquinimink—John W. McCoy, James T. Taylor.

Blackbird—Robert N. Huggins, John W. Pratt.

White Clay Creek—William H. Smith, William Cooch.

Red Lion—William A. Jester, James Garman.

Christiana—Thomas J. Sterling, B. Frank Dilworth.

St. Georges—Purnell J. Lynch, James H. S. Gam, Charles Derrickson.

Mill Creek—John G. Johnson. Samuel Bailey.

The following were drawn as petit jurors on the first panel:

Appoquinimink—Samuel H. Wattson, John W. Isaacs, Joseph Roenter.

Blackbird—Thomas Chadwick, Harry C. Blendt, Harry C. Walker.

Brandywine— william H. Hinkson, John H. Richards.

Christiana—Frederick F. Evans, Edwin Evans, Willard F, Day.

Mill Creek—John W. Worrell, John Brown, Isaac Dixon.

New Castle—Bennett Lancaster, James E. Biggs, Frank Schuart.

Pencader—Charles R. E. Lewis, Louis Racine, Edward O'Rourke.

Red Lion—Montgomery J. Gray, Seth O. Gibbons, Daniel A. O'Neil.

St. Georges—Richard L. Gray, Samuel Yearsley, Ewell Cleaver.

White Clay Creek—Thomas Morrison, John Jones.

Wilmington—Ellis A Cloud, Abram P. Stetser.

MY MARYLAND.

Wilfred Bateman, of Easton, has been appointed clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Hughlett. Mr. Bateman will hold the office until the next general election in 1897.

The new Wicomico county. Md., liquor law has now gone into effect, and the Salisbury man who gets a license hereafter must have his application signed by fifteen freeholders, each of whose property must be worth $500 above all incumbrances.

Chestertown mechanics are much pleased with the outlook for work there. A fine new dormitory is to be erected on Washington College, a new Y. M. C. A. hall is to be erected, and a new parsonage is to be buil for the M. P. Church in addition to a number of smaller and less important buildings.

Mrs. Jennie Friel, wife of Capt. Daniel Friel of Queenstown, was killed Friday by being thrown from a dog cart. She had started from her home to go to St. Peter's Church to decorate it for Easter. In driving through the gate in front of her residence one of the wheels struck the post, throwing her to the ground. She was carried into the house unconscious and died in about an hour.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

wheat is looking well.

Miss Nettie Smith is visiting friends at Choptank.

Miss Lona Smith has returned from Philadelphia.

The new Creamery was started off quite successfully.

The "Ladies Aid" met at the Parsonage on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Emma G. Finley is erecting a new stable on her premises.

Farmers in this section say, that the prospect for fruit is good.

Albert Lynam and wife, of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives here.

J. S. Lattomus is laying the foundation for his new dwelling on Commerce St.

Easter was observed in church with music and flowers appropriated to the occasion.

A. J. Lynam attended the session of Grand Castle, K. G. E., held in wilmington this week.

A surprise party was given Mr. wm. Burge near town on Tuesday evening, the occasion being his 60th birthday.

wells, Herring & Co., have decided to can tomatoes here this season. They have sold nearly of their packing of last year.

Owing to the illness of our pastor. Rev. Albert Chandler, Mr. Dawson, of Conferance Academy, preached here on Sunday.

Kelley's $1.50 For $2.50.

30 DAYS SPECIAL.—For 30 days only, we offor you the following bargain lot of strictly pure and standard goods; 5 quart bottles pure California wines (sherry port, catawba, blackberry and Rhine), one quart bottle pure rye whiskey, (five years old) and one bottle extra quality champagne, and the whole lot 7 bottles, goes for $2.50, the honest market value of which is $4.50. No other house can give you so much value for your money, as the one and only reliable, Family Liquor Store of James A. Kelley. S. W. Cor. Tenth and Shipley Sts., Wilmington, Del.

Charles J. Harrington, of Farmington, was sworn in as Register of Wills of Kent County on Wednesday, to succeed E. T. Cooper. whose term expired. Mr. Harrington is Gov. Watson's brother-in-law, and was at one time speaker of the Senate.

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Pork Chops	11 "
Shoulders of Pork	9 "
Fresh Sausages	11 "
Smoked Sausages	10 "
Balogna Sausage	10 "
Best Sugar Cured Hams	11½ "
Best Sugar Cured Shoulders	9 "
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